

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-5, 7-12, and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matsui (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,054).

Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matsui and Katto (U.S. Patent No. 6,584,125).

Claims 1, 8, 15, and 16 are independent.

With this response, claims 1, 8, 15, and 16 are amended. No new matter has been added.

II. Amendment of Independent Claims 1, 8, 15, and 16

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsui.

With this response, the Applicant amends each of independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 16. The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... obtaining means for obtaining a speed conversion request from the outside, the speed conversion request including information on a speed conversion magnification;

obtaining means for obtaining information on a request time when the speed conversion request is obtained;

time information calculating means for calculating second time information for synchronization management of the moving image and audio by using the information on the speed conversion magnification and the information on the request time; ... and

decoding means for decoding the object data, using said second time information”

as set forth in claim 1 as amended herewith (emphasis added).

As another example, the cited references, taken individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... an obtaining step of obtaining a speed conversion request from the outside, the speed conversion request including information on a speed conversion magnification;

an obtaining step of obtaining information on a request time when the speed conversion request is obtained ...

a setting step of calculating second time information for synchronization management of the moving image and audio by using the information on the speed conversion magnification and the information on the request time ... and

a decoding step of decoding the object data, based on the second time information”

as set forth in each of claims 8 and 15 as amended herewith (emphasis added).

As yet another example, the cited references, taken individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... a code of an obtaining step of obtaining a speed conversion request from the outside, the speed conversion request including information on a speed conversion magnification;

a code of an obtaining step of obtaining information on a request time when the speed conversion request is obtained ...

a code of a setting step of calculating second time information for synchronization management of the moving image and audio by using the information on the speed conversion magnification and the information on the request time ... and

a code of a decoding step of decoding the object data, based

on the second time information”

as set forth in claim 16 as amended herewith (emphasis added).

The Applicant notes, for instance, that column 10 lines 26-56 of Matsui cited by the Office Action merely discuss comparing a display schedule time T determined on the basis of processing ability of an image output apparatus and a set display time Tout for displaying composed data stored in a buffer, and determining an image data composition period of an image composition means 12 on the basis of a comparison result:

“... image display means for selecting composite data corresponding to a specified frame according to a result of comparison between set display time of respective composite data stored in the buffer and scheduled display time determined by display process ability, and outputting the selected composite data as the reproduced data; and means for determining a video data composition period, which determines a composition period of a composition process according to the result of comparison between the set display time and the scheduled display time and outputs composition period information ...”
(see Matsui col. 10 ln. 41-50; emphasis added).

Thus, Matsui merely discusses determining the image data composition period in accordance with the processing ability of the image output apparatus, and fails, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest the above-identified of claims 1, 8, 15, and 16.

In view of at least the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 8, 15, and 16, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

III. Dependent Claims

The Applicant does not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as the Applicant believes that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. The Applicant, however, reserves the right to

further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

IV. Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

V. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4789. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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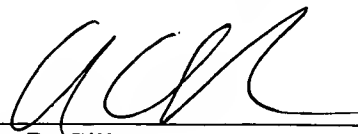
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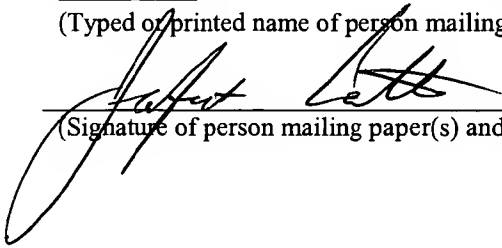
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